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Rockford Police Launches Lateral Transfer Program

ROCKFORD, ILL. – For the first time in its history, the Rockford Police Department announced the launch of a lateral transfer program aimed to add up to seven sworn officers to its force.

The Rockford Police Department lateral entry program seeks qualified sworn police officers who represent the diversity of thought and experiences that are shared by the community. Candidates must have strong verbal communication, interpersonal and writing skills, and should possess common sense and problem-solving ability.

The program includes training and orientation which consists of in-house city school for up to seven weeks depending on experience. Lateral candidates must complete all testing deemed necessary by the Rockford Fire and Police Commission.

Lateral candidates must meet all of the requirements for an entry-level Rockford Police Officer and must possess a valid Illinois Law Enforcement Officer certificate from the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board. Newly hired individual that are certified as a law enforcement officer shall be paid the appropriate pay step for previous years of law enforcement service up to a maximum of five years with a starting pay range of \$55,994 - \$66,921.52.

All qualifications for lateral police officers are set within the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, City of Rockford Ordinances Section 2.29 and all applicable statutes. Interested applicants may visit www.rockfordil.gov/police for a complete list of qualifications and disqualifications. Applications will be available on the website beginning Saturday, October 1, 2016.

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